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Notice of Judicial Emergency

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chief Justice Melton of the Supreme of Georgia issued a declaration of Judicial Emergency. This order is effective as of March 14th, 2020, and will remain in effect until April 13th, 2020, or until further notice. Therefore, **Lamar County Magistrate Court will be closed to the public during this period in order to protect the health of all Lamar County Citizens.** All non-essential court functions are immediately suspended including all civil and dispossessory hearings to prevent potential infection of court staff and those who are required to appear in the court. In addition, the Court will not be accepting new filings from the public, answers to pending cases, or completing process of service.

Pursuant to OCGA 38-3-62, during this period of Judicial Emergency, the Supreme Court suspends, tolls, extends, and otherwise grants relief from any deadlines or other time schedules or filing requirements imposed by otherwise applicable statues, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether civil or criminal cases or administrative matters.

Essential functions of the court include the following:

- 1) An immediate threat to one's liberty or safety requiring the attention of the court;
- 2) Criminal search warrants and arrest warrants;
- 3) First Appearance and Bond Hearings

Please call Lamar County Magistrate Court for assistance or questions.

This 16th of March, 2020.

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Karen R. Jackson Chief Magistrate